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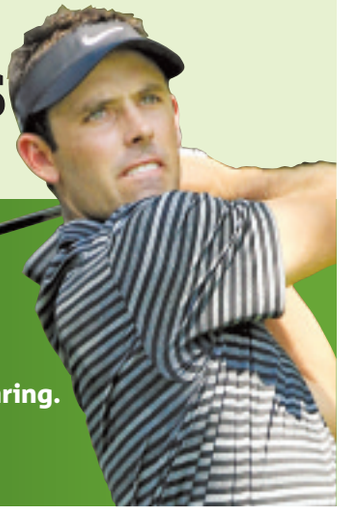

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News worth sharing.

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▶ Anne Skelton and son James, 3, attend yesterday's SlutWalk, a public event organized in London to put an end to the demeaning categorization of women.

Blame gets Walked on

London is latest city to host SlutWalk — a protest against placing blame on assault victims because of the way they dress

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Her dress was too short, she was walking alone at night, she shouldn't have drank — all-too-common statements when a woman is sexually assaulted.

And those comments, of course, can lead to an all-too-common and demeaning response.

"She should have known better, or she was asking for it. We see survivors blamed for incidents of sexual assault. And we have had f–ing enough," Sarah Scanlin shouted through a loud-speaker, anger rising in her voice until she was almost hoarse.

Scanlin was one of the organizers of yesterday's first-ever SlutWalk in Victoria Park.

Jointly organized by two local women's groups, V-Day Western and the Amazon Collective, the event aimed to change attitudes toward women and sexual assault.

"The point of this campaign is to value women. The reality is that slut is a word that is associated with women and it's used as an act of violence against women," said fellow co-organizer Holli-Lynne Elash. "Let's return the shame of sexual assault to where it belongs."

"For me personally, the comment about what women wear being an excuse for rape, it's victim blaming and that's not OK," said Kiera Belanger, explaining what brought her to yesterday's walk.

'Avoid dressing like sluts'

SlutWalks originated with a safety talk given by a Toronto police officer on Jan. 24, at York University. The officer advised women that to avoid being victimized, they "should avoid dressing like sluts." The officer later apologized.

▶ The comments resulted in the first-ever SlutWalk in Toronto on April 3, which drew more than 4,000 people.

"Men want women to be sexy all the time but if they do, they call them sluts."
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Shad picks up hip-hop award at home too

London's hip-hop sensation Shad won more hardware last night, winning the hip-hop award at the the Jack Richardson Music Awards at the London Music Hall. Shad also took home a Juno for hip-hop artist recently.

Bobnoxious won Jack in the rock category, while Shelley Rastin was named fan favourite (original material). The Rizdales won the country award and Kerrie Nation was named top club DJ.

Other winners were:

Fan favourite (cover/tribute): Sweet Leaf Garett; classical choir/choral: Amabile Youth Singers; classical group: Encore ... The Concert Band; classical voice: Amber Cunningham; classical instrumental; Fiona Wilkinson.

Jazz vocalist solo or group: Sonja Gustafon; jazz instrumental solo or group: Sandy MacKay; blues: Tim Woodcock; Bluegrass: Foxtail; traditional folk/roots: Pete Denomme.

Metal: Baptized in Blood; punk: Black Donnellys; world music: The Light of East Ensemble; Contemporary singer/songwriter: Olenka Krakus; electric artist: Cailen Dye; live venue: London Music Club; recording studio: House of Miracles

Contributor: Clark Bryan; Dennis Brown Lifetime Achievement Award: Charlotte Cleland; Hall of Fame: Marie Botrell; Youth award: The Wired (Oakridge Secondary School). METRO

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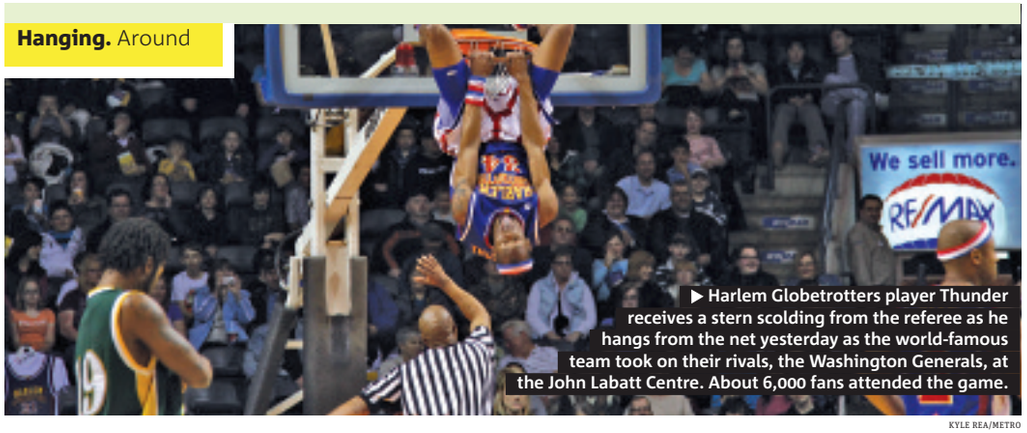

▶ Harlem Globetrotters player Thunder receives a stern scolding from the referee as he hangs from the net yesterday as the world-famous team took on their rivals, the Washington Generals, at the John Labatt Centre. About 6,000 fans attended the game.

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More than a clap when Thunder takes to the air

Victims get new support

New program is part of the Open Ontario plan ◐ Goal is to make justice system more accessible and affordable for victims and their families

The province has announced new funding for victims and their families.

The Vulnerable Victims and Family Fund is providing financial support and court-based supports for both victims of crime and families of homocide victims. The money will be able to help cover the cost of travel to attend key criminal court appearances as well as provide vulnerable victims with language interpretation services during criminal trials.

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"The fund is $900,000 over the next three years. It all comes from the Victim's Justice Fund, which is a dedicated fund to help victims. We're going to see what the demand is on that over the next three years and then add to it as we need to." CHRIS BENTLEY

Attorney General Chris Bentley was very pleased with the new announcement. He tells AM980 that the announcement comes at a great time.

"It's the beginning of Victim's Week, where we recognize those who have been harmed or hurt and through breaches of the law. And we look for additional ways to support them as they go through the court process," said Bentley. "This three-year fund will help them very much."

Since 2003, the government has invested $320.4 million from the Victims' Justice Fund in supports and services to help thousands of victims of crime in regions across Ontario.

The new services will be available through Ontario's Victim/Witness Awareness Program.

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Audible crossings on agenda

A call to put in place audible crossing signals is on the Built and Natural Environment Committee's agenda tonight. Those signals assist people to help cross at intersections.

Chelsea Mohler is a masters student at Western and is pitching the idea to the committee. She told AM980 there are two intersections she will be focusing on getting those signals at.

"What I would like to do is have the committee's support and perhaps approval to get some funding for those two intersections — Sarnia and Western Road and Western and Elgin Drive, which is right by the support services building at the university," said Mohler.

City hall meeting

▶ The Built and Natural Environment meeting is slated for today at 4 p.m. at city hall. There are 27 items on the agenda.

Other Canadian cities with audible crossings are Halifax, Vancouver and Toronto.

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News in brief

Come talk cyber-crime

REFRESHMENTS SERVED. London police invite you to discuss cyber-crime tonight from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the central library's Stevenson & Hunt Room, 251 Dundas St. It's free, but please pre-register as seating is limited. Call 519-661-5636 or visit family-consultants@police.london.ca. METRO

Man charged in gun incident

HANDGUN SEIZED. A London man has been charged with 10 firearm offences after an alleged incident early Friday near Richmond Street and Dufferin Avenue. Marko Maric, 26, has been charged. METRO

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College athletics. Honourees

▶ Clint Smith and Liliane Sparkes, Fanshawe College's male and female intercollegiate athletes of the year, celebrate their victories.

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More hardware for trophy rooms

Clint Smith, Fanshawe's top male athlete of the year, led the men's cross-country team to its first national team title, while top female, Liliane Sparkes, won the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association women's individual cross-country title for the second straight year.

UWO serves up veg-out cinema

University student organization plans event to help students relax after and between exams ● This week's program heavy on comedies

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Just finished an exam at Western and looking for a breather before hitting the books again?

Western Film may have just what you need as the local cinema presents the Exam Stress-Buster Movie Series, starting today and continuing until the end of exams on April 29.

Organized by the University Student Council's student life department, movies play at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., and admission is free.

"There will be one movie every day, mostly comedies," said co-ordinator James Waite.

Mean Girls is today's feature, and will be followed by Borat tomorrow, Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle on Wednesday, and then it's Juno on Thursday. Role Models is Friday's feature.

More of the movie schedule will be posted at www.usc.uwo.ca/wfilm. These movies are in addition to the theatre's regular lineup.

Details

- Western Film is located on the second level of the University Community Centre. The UCC is located roughly at the corner of Western Road and Elgin Drive.
- The snack bar will not be open for these screenings.

Anti-grafitti efforts net two arrests

Only hours after the City of London and London police launched a new initiative to eradicate graffiti tags, two adults were arrested.

On Friday at 2:48 a.m., a citizen contacted police to report two males tagging the LCBO at 85 Wellington Rd. Moments later, the same two males were seen tagging another building.

Police captured two suspects and seized several markers and spray-paint cans.

About $700 in damage was reported.

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Suspects

- Police have charged Ryan Brown and Michael Beachey with two counts each of mischief under $5,000. Beachey is also charged with unlawful possession of a substance.

Mental-health care groups announce new funding

The Breakfast of Champions has brought good news for mental-health care in London.

State-of-the-art videoconferencing equipment for St. Joseph's Regional Mental Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association London-Middlesex will receive funding, thanks to the Breakfast of Champions event. The equipment will enhance mental-health care across London-Middlesex and support education for care teams.

The funding announcement was made Thursday at the fifth-annual Breakfast of Champions, attended by nearly 1,000 community and corporate leaders. The videoconferencing project strengthens the partnership between St. Joseph's Health Care London and CMHA London-Middlesex, and will ensure services reach more people efficiently.

Also at the Breakfast of Champions event, Dr. Cheryl Forchuk won the Champion of Mental Health award, presented each year to an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to mental-health care and advocacy. Forchuk, a researcher with the Lawson Health Research Institute, is one of Canada's leading researchers on community integration for people with mental illness.

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▶ Dr. Cheryl Forchuk

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Police lay raft of theft charges against five

London police's break-and-enter unit completed an investigation this week, leading to dozens of charges against five people.

The investigation began in March, when police searched an address on Admiral Drive and found articles that had allegedly been stolen.

Selina Holtom, 24, is facing 14 charges, while 26-year-old Bradly Guminy faces 14 charges. Jason Higdon, 28, faces 13 charges, and Dillon Dockstader, 22, faces 11. Thirty-two-year-old Michelle McWilliam is facing 11 charges.

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Man who fell to death identified

Police have identified the body found along the Thames River as that of 30-year-old Jeremy Bennett.

Last Tuesday, a citizen reported a man falling off the Carfrae Street Bridge while drinking with two friends. Police arrived at the bridge and were in the water searching for Bennett, but after no body turned up, they gave up the search Thursday morning.

A citizen walking in Thames Park on Friday saw what they believed to be a body and called police. Firefighers arrived on scene and recovered the body.

Bennett was a homeless man and the father of one daughter. AM980/AM980.CA

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Harper warns of return to Liberal economic woes

PM says Liberal minority of the 1970s had long-term damage on economy ◐ Opposition warns Tory cuts could hurt social programs

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▶ Joy Taylor, 88, expresses her views on Prime Minister Stephen Harper outside an NDP rally yesterday in Toronto.

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▶ Thirteen-month-old Mat Hurian reacts as his father Eric tries to take away a signed copy of the NDP election platform handed to him by NDP Leader Jack Layton yesterday in Toronto.

Election 2011

Pierre Trudeau has made a sudden reappearance in a Canadian federal election — a decade after his death.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is warning that if his rivals get elected, the country will return to the days of economic darkness when it was led by his late Liberal predecessor.

The early 1970s — a time when a minority Liberal government relied on support from the NDP — inflicted long-term damage on the Canadian economy, Harper said yesterday. It led to two decades of runaway spending, higher taxes, double-digit unemployment and interest rates, he added.

"All they did was spend money," the prime minister said from a farm in Acton Vale, Que.

"We were a generation fixing those problems. When I look at the Liberal platform today ... I'm saying that's the alternative. That is the route the country will go down unless it stays on the path we're on, with a strong, stable majority Conservative government."

Harper may have been pleased to talk about his opponents' platforms, but he was a little more vague when asked a key question about his own plan: Where would he find the $4 billion in annual budget cuts he's promising?

Harper says it should be easy to find those so-called inefficiencies to help slay the deficit — but is offering few clues about where he'll cut. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Political aides to reap rewards if Tories elected

If Stephen Harper's Conservatives are re-elected on May 2, political aides in ministerial offices could find a nice bonus when they return to work.

The Harper government has quietly approved increases in the maximum salaries political staffers are entitled to receive.

In addition, suddenly out-of-work staffers could find the blow considerably cushioned if the Tories were to lose the election. That's because the government has also approved a 50 per cent increase in the maximum separation pay political aides can receive — up to six months from four. That's on top of severance pay.

The changes went into effect April 1, just one week before Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced budget cuts to eliminate the federal deficit one year ahead of schedule, in 2014-15. He said that feat would be achieved "by controlling spending and cutting waste."

Whether a staffer actually receives the maximum allowable salary or separation pay is left up to the discretion of each minister, who must still keep within their total office budgets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fired teacher rejects settlement

A transgendered teacher fired by a Catholic school district is rejecting a settlement offer because it would require him to keep quiet and drop a human rights complaint.

Jan Buterman says he will proceed with his complaint against Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, which wrote him a letter in 2008 praising his abilities but dismissing him for not being aligned with the values of the Catholic church.

Buterman, who was a substitute teacher in St. Albert, just north of Edmonton, says the publicly funded school district can't buy his silence with an offer of $78,000 cash or a one-year teaching job. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Concern over Taser use on child

A human rights group says it would be hard to justify using a stun gun on a child and it's concerned about such a case in B.C.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association says there are still many unanswered questions in the case involving an 11-year-old boy in Prince George, B.C.

The RCMP say an 11-year-old boy was a suspect in the stabbing of a 37-year-old man at a home in Prince George on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM's HIV project stumbles

A $139-million project to fight HIV-AIDS, launched by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a glitzy photo-op with Microsoft's Bill Gates, began to flounder within months, says an internal report.

Red tape and turf wars choked off the flow of money, and a vaunted plan to build a vaccine plant in Canada was effectively sidelined within a year, suggests the newly released analysis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ignatieff giving voice a break before debate

There were a few nervous laughs and some dark jokes around the Liberal campaign team as leader Michael Ignatieff's voice began to crack this week.

In the run-up to next week's critical televised leaders' debates, a voiceless leader is every campaign's nightmare.

A rather raspy Ignatieff said Saturday that he's going to watch some of the Masters golf tournament and tone things down for a day or so.

The leaders will face off Tuesday night in Ottawa in a debate which will include a six-minute one-on-one between Ignatieff and Prime Minister Stephen Harper. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Icelanders refuse to pay for bank collapse

Voters in Iceland have rejected a government-approved deal to repay Britain and the Netherlands $5 billion for their citizens' deposits in the failed online bank Icesave, referendum results showed yesterday.

With about 90 per cent of the votes counted, the "no" side had 59.1 per cent of the votes and the "yes" side 40.9 per cent.

The result reflects Icelanders' anger at having to pay for the excesses of their bankers, and complicates the country's recovery from its 2008 economic collapse.

Prime Minister Johanna Sigurdardottir said the results were disappointing but she would try to prevent political and economic chaos from ensuing.

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Swiss to ban free beer in restaurants

Free beer will reportedly be verboten soon in Switzerland, if the government has its way.

Swiss weekly Sonntag says the Cabinet has drafted a plan to ban restaurateurs from offering any free drinks to customers.

It cited the director of the Swiss Alcohol Board yesterday as saying an existing ban on promotions involving other alcoholic beverages would be extended to include beer.

Alexandre Schmidt says pub owners would still be allowed to offer "spontaneous" rounds to regulars.

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NATO airstrikes free rebels' gateway city

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▶ Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi waves at his supporters in Tripoli, Libya, yesterday. Envoys from the African Union, who are calling for a ceasefire, are to hold talks with Gadhafi and the rebels today.

- Weekend fighting claims 38 lives
- Strikes destroy 25 state tanks

Libyan rebels said NATO airstrikes yesterday helped them drive Moammar Gadhafi's forces out of a hard-fought eastern city that is the gateway to the opposition's stronghold.

Four airstrikes largely stopped what had been heavy shelling of Ajdabiya by government forces, rebel battlefield commander and spokesman Col. Hamid Hassy said. NATO's leader of the operation said the airstrikes destroyed 11 tanks near Ajdabiya and another 14 near Misrata, the only city rebels still hold in the western half of Libya.

Hassy said Gadhafi's forces fled the western gate of Ajdabiya and by mid-afternoon had been pushed back about 60 kilometres west of the city. Sporadic shelling could still be heard around western Ajdabiya.

Mohammed Idris, the supervisor of the hospital in Ajdabiya, said 38 people died in the fighting over the weekend, including 20 Gadhafi fighters and three rebels killed yesterday.

If Gadhafi's forces took the city, they would have a clear path to Benghazi, Libya's second largest city about 160 kilometres away.

"If he controls Ajdabiya, he makes us feel like we are unsafe because he can move anywhere in the east," Hassy said.

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Victims mourned after mall shooting spree

Church services were held yesterday in a quiet suburb outside Amsterdam to mourn six people killed by a gunman at a crowded mall, as investigators puzzled over his motive and struggled to explain how he was able to obtain and legally own five firearms in the Netherlands.

The attacker, identified as 24-year-old Tristan van der Vlis, had minor run-ins with the police, including an illegal weapons possession charge in 2003 when he was 17 that was eventually dropped, district attorney Kitty Nooy said.

"This is definitely part of our investigation," she said.

Van der Vlis opened fire in Alphen aan den Rijn with what witnesses described as a machine-gun, authorities said. In addition to the fatalities, he wounded 15 others, including an infant, before fatally shooting himself in the head at the Ridderhof mall, officials said.

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▶ Two girls embrace outside Ridderhof shopping mall yesterday in Alphen aan den Rijn, Netherlands.

Three of the wounded remained in critical condition. The infant was among two people slightly wounded, but was under observation at a hospital. Authorities refused to say whether any other children were killed or wounded in the attack and they haven't released a list with the identities of the victims, citing privacy reasons.

Gun laws

Under Dutch law, owning revolvers and rifles is only allowed with a permit, for use at a firing range or during hunting.

- Automatic firearms are legal only for use by the military and special police.
- The suspect, who witnesses say used a machine-gun, had no military background.

UN forces retaliate against Gbagbo attack

United Nations and French helicopters in Ivory Coast fired rockets on strongman Laurent Gbagbo's residence yesterday in retaliation to recent attacks by his forces on UN headquarters and civilians, a UN official said.

Two residents from nearby neighbourhoods reported seeing two UN Mi-24 attack helicopters and one French helicopter open fire on the residence. One resident reported seeing smoke rise from the compound. The residents couldn't be named for fear of reprisal.

An Associated Press reporter saw the same three helicopters take off from the French military base minutes before hearing explosions coming from the direction of the residence.

Gbagbo's adviser in France Toussaint Alain confirmed the attack.

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Tornado razes small Iowa town

A large tornado flattened a grain elevator and destroyed homes and buildings on its weekend rampage through the small western Iowa town of Mapleton. Authorities reported no serious injuries.

"It was huge, just huge," said Thomas Mohrhauser, an attorney in the town of about 1,200 people. "It just kept getting bigger and bigger."

Mayor Fred Standa said one side of town got hit worse than another, but overall he thought about 60 per cent had been damaged. He estimated about 20 per cent was "almost flat."

Reports indicated the roof was blown off a high school, power lines were downed and several homes and buildings were destroyed.

Authorities said three people were treated for minor injuries.

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Syrian army opens fire on protesters

Syrian security forces and pro-government gunmen killed four protesters yesterday in the port city of Banias after the army sealed off the city as hundreds of protesters gathered, undaunted by the regime's use of deadly force to quell more than three weeks of unrest, witnesses said.

Details were sketchy because telephone lines, Internet access and electricity apparently were cut to most parts of the city. Army tanks and soldiers circled the city, preventing people from entering.

But one witness, reached by telephone, said hundreds of protesters had gathered near the al-Rahman mosque when security forces and armed men in civilian clothes opened fire on them.

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The high costs of the high loonie

Manufacturers, retailers, exporters hit hardest as the cost of doing business soars ◗ Economists predict dollar could rise to $1.09 US this year

As the loonie flies higher above parity with the U.S. greenback, many Canadian companies are feeling the pinch.

Some manufacturers say they are being charged an extra three to four per cent by Canadian branches of American suppliers if they pay in U.S. dollars, says Craig McIntosh, CEO of Acrylon Plastics in Winnipeg. As a result, they are moving away from Canadian suppliers and buying directly from the United States.

Another impact of the higher loonie is that more Canadians are spending their money south of the border where prices are lower. Anne Kothawala of the Retail Council of Canada says Canadian stores have to deal with high import taxes, and cross-border shopping serves only to take money out of Canadian communities.

"Shoppers should continue to support Canadian retailers and continue to do all their shopping locally because ... they are supporting local economies," she says.

One sector that is making more money thanks to the high loonie is the travel industry, where Canadians now get a favourable exchange rate.

Travel deals are more abundant than ever, says Gary Ralph of the Association of Canadian Travel Agencies, and Canadians are booking vacations in advance in the hope of locking in hot deals.

"If you can book early and take advantage of paying at least a deposit early, then you're taking advantage of what the loonie is today," he said.

But the dollar's impact on exporters may have one of the biggest effects on Canada's economy and jobs. Jeff Brownlee of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters says CME's research has shown that for every one-cent rise in the loonie relative to the greenback, it costs Canadian companies $1.5 billion more to do business globally each year.

As the loonie rises, Canadian products become more expensive to sell abroad, making it harder for home companies to compete with manufacturers in countries with weaker currencies.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. FRIDAY

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+ $2.49 US ($112.79 US)	**Gold contracts** $1,474.10 US (+ $14.80 US)

Production. Chop

▶ Akio Toyoda, president of Toyota Motor Corp., takes questions from reporters in Nagoya, central Japan, on Friday after announcing temporary shutdowns at the automaker's North American plants.

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Toyota's tough breaks

Toyota Motor Corp. will suspend production at its 13 North American plants in a series of one-day shutdowns this month as a result of parts shortages caused by the March 11 earthquake that hit Japan. The shutdowns will affect 25,000 workers, but there will be no layoffs, the world's No. 1 automaker said. In Canada, Toyota employs about 6,500 people at two assembly plants in the southern Ontario communities of Woodstock and Cambridge.

Job rate fails to march ahead

Canada's economy unexpectedly shed 1,500 jobs last month, the first fallback since September. Analysts interpreted the drop as a sign that growth is moderating from the rapid pace of recent months.

The disappointing report from Statistics Canada was not all bad: Full-time jobs shot up by 90,600, hours worked rose a significant 0.5 per cent and wages increased. Those are all signs the recovery is gaining strength.

As well, the official unemployment rate edged down one-tenth of a point to 7.7 per cent, though that was only because more Canadians stopped looking for work.

On the other side, 92,100 part-time jobs vanished last month, and if self-employment is discounted, the number of employees in Canada fell by 18,900.

Most analysts saw it as a negative signal — though a slight one — given that the economy had been pumping out new jobs at the rate of 38,000 a month since December.

"The weaker employment performance is consistent with the view that real gross domestic product in March will be softer than in the prior two months," TD chief economist Craig Alexander said.

But he added that moderation in growth was expected after a strong fourth quarter wrapping up 2010, and an even stronger start to 2011.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development forecasts the first three months of 2011 will produce a 5.2 per cent jump in economic activity in Canada — the strongest in the G7 — which analysts say cannot be sustained.

Economists also predict that the jobs report will have no impact on next week's interest-rate decision from the Bank of Canada.

Most see the bank keeping the policy rate at one per cent until at least the end of May, and more likely through to July. However, that has not stopped some banks from beginning to hike mortgage rates before a central bank decision.

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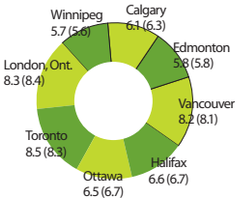
Jobless rates

March unemployment rates for selected Canadian cities (the previous month's percentage is in parentheses.)



Europe faces brain drain in debt crisis

Europe's ruinous debt is reshaping migration trends, with a generation of talent grabbing at opportunity on other continents. Portuguese are packing their bags for booming Angola and Mozambique in Africa, and for Brazil. Spaniards are heading to former colonies in Latin America. Debt-stressed Ireland and Greece and even robust France and Italy also report that they are bleeding talent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Airlines try for another fare hike

Two U.S. airlines are again raising fares by $10 US on some routes as they try to counter rising fuel costs. US Airways initiated the increase last week, and Delta Air Lines followed.

This is the 10th time this year that the airlines have tried widespread price increases. Six of the previous nine attempts stuck. The last three failed because other airlines didn't also raise prices.

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Target takes aim at brand copyright

A dispute over who can use the Target trademark in Canada is going to Federal Court on May 2. American discount chain Target Corp. will seek an injunction to block the Canadian owner of Fairweather from using the name "Target Apparel" in its stores. Toronto-based INC Group has owned Canadian rights to the name for 10 years. Target Corp. plans to open its first Canadian stores in 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NOT AN OPEN AND SHUT JOB

After 18 years of opening the door and "exceeding expectations" at the Delta Armouries, Gary Johnson knows a lot of famous people — on a first-name basis.

Some have been naughty, but most have been nice. One of the not-so-nice people was Beth Chapman, Dog The Bounty Hunter's wife. "She didn't like this and didn't like that. She was really upset," says Johnson. "She finally calmed down and got to know who we are, then they were nice people."

Evidently, Johnson's expansive personality appealed to Dog, because the two got on famously.

"I had to take something up to the room and he was sitting on the bed without a shirt and we were talking about his tattoos," says the affable 68-year-old.

Johnson has enjoyed meeting the many country stars who have stayed at the Delta. They include The Oak Ridge Boys, Charlie Pride, Roy Clark and Anne Murray, who was standoffish at first, but warmed up to him.

Johnson says rock bands often stay on their buses, while their drivers swank it up at the hotel.

"I woke one of the members of ZZ Top up one time," he chuckles. "I had to give them some information, so I tapped on the bus door and this guy with a long beard, looking like Grandpa Moses, answers the door. He was very polite."

Johnson remembers a large tip from Rod Stewart, and he was surprised to open the door to Rita MacNeil when she climbed out of a dirty jeep,wearing overalls and boots, not the lovely gowns she usually sports on TV.

As for politicians, Johnson has helped many, including Jean Chrétien ("a very nice man"), Mike Harris ("quite a guy"), and Brian Mulroney ("a little crusty.")

He has met more RCMP and U.S. Secret Service agents than Jack Bauer.

Who knows everything in a town unfamiliar to visitors? The doorman, of course, so he's had some interesting requests. From condoms at midnight ("I refused") to many requests for hookers ("I suggest the personal ads") to strip joints, Johnson has an answer for them all.

"I direct them to one of those types of 'cultural arts centres,'" he smiles.

He has even dealt with caged alligators (one of the acts at the Western Fair) and security dogs. But through it all, Johnson keeps smiling and opening the hotel's door with a friendliness that ensures guests have a wonderful experience at the Delta.

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Worth mentioning

MOSCOW. The Kremlin has rejected a proposal by a senior official of Russia's main domestic security agency who said authorities should ban Skype, Gmail and Hotmail because they are a major threat to national security.

The proposal made Friday by a senior official of the Federal Security Service, or FSB, followed cyber attacks on Russia's most popular blogging site and the website of a popular independent newspaper last week.

Commentators saw them as an attempt by authorities to tighten controls on communications before parliamentary elections in December and a presidential vote in March. The Internet has become the main source of independent news and commentary in Russia, where all nationwide television stations and most print media are under state control.

Communications Minister Igor Shchegolev said in a statement Friday that his ministry has no plans to ban any Internet services.

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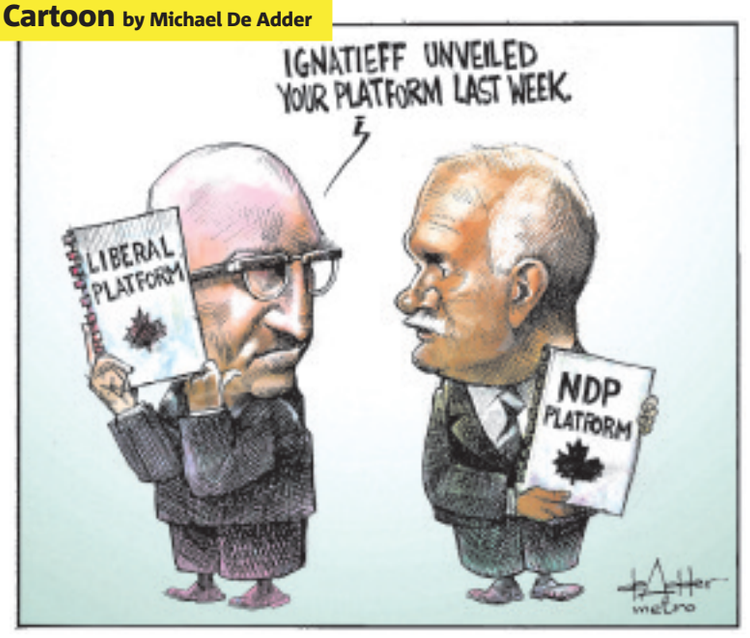

WEIRD NEWS

Keep the chatter to sutures, organs

As the NHL playoffs approach, B.C. surgeons are being reminded to tone down on the hockey chit-chat when working on patients on the operating table.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C. issued the advisory in a quarterly report in December following a complaint from a patient, CBC News reports.

The man was undergoing an elective eye surgery with a local anesthetic.

"He alleged that during the entire surgery, the physicians and nursing staff discussed ice hockey, which made him very uncomfortable," the advisory reads. "He expressed concern that this 'idle chatter' could have disrupted his surgeon's concentration and resulted in an operative mistake."

There were no errors during the surgery, but the college said the incident serves as a good reminder for surgeons to be discrete while in the operating room or in any open area when chatting about non-medical subjects or about topics not relevant to the task at hand.

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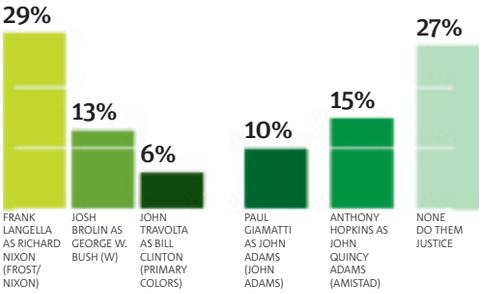
The Kennedys premiered last night. Who is your pick for the best portrayal of a U.S. president?



Local tweets

- **@Meg Radford:** Lazy hazy Sunday #ldnont
- **@379_Deanne:** No one is ever "askin'" to be raped ... Standing alongside my #ldnont sisters in today's Slut Walk in Victoria Park
- **@JelenaBelievelt:** I want the weather to be bad so I'm more motivated to study. #thisiscruel #ldnont
- **@morganleigh_:** Aha. Ad on bus for London 2030 Transportation Master Plan. Sounds like something I would devise as a joke #ldnont
- **@elhajar:** I've been at the library for about 24 hours now. My eyes feel like I just smoked 16 blunts. My body is as chill as can be. #adderall #uwo
- **@ShannonKarleen:** Errr ... 23 C in #ldnont this afternoon? I don't think I have clothes for that kind of weather out yet!
- **@dacrozier:** I am conducting a survey for a MPA course @ #westernu regarding the #ldnont Green Bin program. Appreciate responses! http://bit.ly/i33I8u
- **@a__richardson:** One week left in #ldnont ... So much to do before I leave. Where has the last year gone?

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Scene in brief

The good news for Russell Brand is that his animated comedy Hop remains the top movie for the second-straight weekend with US$21.7 million.

The bad news is that his new live-action comedy Arthur could not jump as high as Hop.

The Warner Bros. remake of Dudley Moore's 1981 romance about a rich, drunken man-child finally learning to grow up, Arthur was a distant second with a modest debut of $12.6 million, according to studio estimates yesterday.

Opening close behind at No. 3 with $12.3 million was Focus Features' Hanna.

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Tyler Perry gives rural Georgia family new home to replace house destroyed by fire

HANDOUT

▶ The team behind Top Chef Canada stuck to a simple recipe in cooking up the inaugural Cancon version of the popular Emmy-winning TV franchise.

The knives come out on Top Chef Canada

Successful American cooking show comes north of the border for the first time ◐ Seven Ontarians compete for the crown of Top Chef Canada

The team behind Top Chef Canada stuck to a simple recipe when cooking up the inaugural Cancon version of the popular Emmy-winning TV franchise.

They focused on using the best chefs from across the country, and added a dash of Canadiana in the cooking challenges.

Top Chef Canada, which premieres tonight on Food Network Canada, isn't a reinvention of the cooking reality show and will feel familiar to fans who have followed the nine seasons of Top Chef, plus its slew of spinoffs. After all, a good chef knows to keep it simple and not overcomplicate a dish just to show off, said head judge Mark McEwan, known for the TV series The Heat with Mark McEwan and his high-end Toronto restaurants Bymark, Fabbrica, North 44 and ONE.

"There's a great Canadian sensibility to (the show)," said McEwan, hinting that chefs were tasked with preparing regional specialities such as moose and salted cod during some challenges.

"It's the fact that it's our chefs, I think that's what makes it special, it relates to all the major cities around the country and everyone will be into that. There was a major competition going on here between East Coast and West Coast – huge, huge, huge – there always has been in Canada.

"That (rivalry) to me was the best part."

The competition got heated and intense, McEwan said, with an impressive cast of chefs who have worked for the likes of Gordon Ramsay, Susur Lee and Oprah Winfrey.

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From Ontario...

There are 16 chefs competing to be the winner of Top Chef Canada. Ontario has seven competitors.

- **Dustin Gallagher** (Toronto)
- **Steve Gonzalez** (Toronto)
- **Chris Kanka** (Toronto)
- **Andrea Nicholson** (Toronto)
- **Rob Rossi** (Toronto)
- **Michael Stauffer** (Dundas)
- **Patrick Wiese** (Toronto)

Singer Underwood excited for her first acting role

Carrie Underwood says she's happy with her first acting performance on the big screen.

The country music star plays a small but pivotal role in the film Soul Surfer, the inspirational tale of shark attack survivor Bethany Hamilton.

"I'm happy with myself for the role and for the movie," Underwood said Monday night in Las Vegas where she had just wrapped up taping ACM Presents Girls' Night Out: Superstar Women of Country. "Am I going to win an Oscar? No. It was so much fun and the important thing is getting the story out there."

Underwood plays youth pastor Sarah Hill, a key figure in Hamilton's life and recovery after the attack. Hamilton, then 13, lost her left arm when a 4.3-metre tiger shark ripped it off while she was surfing with friends in Hawaii.

Soul Surfer is the tale of her recovery and triumphant return to the sport she loves.

Underwood says she was transfixed by the story and the message, which made it rise above other scripts and projects she's been pitched — and so far turned down.

The former American Idol champion was non-committal when asked if the movie is the beginning of an acting career, though.

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Cowell looking for next viral moment on X Factor

Former American Idol judge still hasn't found the third judge for new Fox reality show X Factor is holding auditions in four American cities

Simon Cowell wants to make sure he finds the most talented singer for the U.S. debut of The X Factor. That's why he's set up audition studios in Nashville, Tenn.; Anchorage, Alaska; Kansas City, Kan.; and Denver throughout April.

"It probably isn't as fun as attending an open audition, but it is your chance to be seen and heard and I'm going to try to put these in as many cities as possible," the former American Idol judge said Thursday in a teleconference with reporters.

Cowell will be joined on the judges' panel by Antonio "L.A." Reid, former chairman of Island Def Jam Music, when the show premieres in September.

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▶ Simon Cowell

The X Factor is based on Cowell's British-born hit series and debuting on Fox this fall. At stake is a US$5 million recording contract.

Those invited to the booths to sing must be at least 12 years old and can be solo artists or vocal groups. Each audition will be sent to the show's producers, and those selected will take part in callbacks.

The decision has not been made about who the third judge will be, but Cowell said that Black Eyed Peas singer Fergie has come up in discussions.

"Her name was put forward, but like with a lot of other people we've spoken to, we have to check out everyone's availability," he said. "There's a lot of time you have to put into this show. This is not a two-day-a-week process. When you're mentoring the contestants, you're working five, six days a week."

Cowell hopes his show will produce audition moments that go viral.

"You want a moment where something magical happens in the audition room, and then outside of people watching the show, they're interested in the clip, and I'm always very, very aware of that," he said.

"You look at what happened to Rebecca (Black)," he continued, referring to the 13-year-old Internet sensation of the song Friday. "She's gonna be laughing all the way to the bank. This would never have happened 10 years ago. Now she's known all over the world." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi is getting a Jersey Shore spinoff.

Jersey Shore cast get more exposure

Life isn't always a day at the beach for the stars of Jersey Shore, so three of its cast members will also be appearing in MTV spinoffs.

The network said Thursday that Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi and Jenni "JWoww" Farley have been paired in a new reality series that will follow their adventures when their summer share is over.

Meanwhile, Paul "DJ Pauly D" Delvecchio has scored his own 12-episode reality series that chronicles his life as a disc jockey.

Both series begin production later this year and are slated to air in 2012.

MTV says they will duplicate the "humorous and unapologetic" style that has made Jersey Shore a hit. The next season of Jersey Shore, its fourth, will also have all three stars on board.

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Seeking hidden historical treasure

New series Canadian Pickers scours the country for valuable antiques Hosts reveal their 'picking' secrets

Give professional "pickers" Scott Cozens and Sheldon Smithens a shed packed with discarded belongings and they say they can find the best flea-market prospects in 15 minutes.

The antiques duo says zeroing in on a lost treasure with money-making potential is second nature to them. They reveal their picking secrets in the new History Television series Canadian Pickers, starting Tuesday.

As hosts of the American Pickers spinoff, Smithens and Cozens drive across Canada to scour backyards, barns, sheds and attics in search of anything they can make a buck on. The Canadian Press spoke with them about the burgeoning antiques craze.

How long have you been pickers?

Cozens: I've been picking pretty much my whole life. I think my mum started me when I was eight or 10 years old going to garage sales and antique stores since she worked in the auctioning business, and my grandmother used to send me out when I was a little kid.

Smithens: I'm the same. I grew up with antiques and my parents and grandparents were in the auction trade and antiques trade.

And you guys both make a living as pickers?

Cozens: That would be fibbing a little bit. I actually work as a lawyer full-time and this is what I do in my spare time, which is reasonably spare.

Smithens: I do pretty much everything antiques and art-related. So I'm an auctioneer, I'm an appraiser, I have been a retailer, I buy and sell and do it all.

How is this show different from American Pickers?

Smithens: Right off the bat the merchandise is different. We're not going to walk into a barn full of old Harley-Davidsons, it just doesn't exist here. Or if it does, it's pretty rare. But we're finding other things that are much more Canadian and intrinsic to this part of the world. And Scott and I are so much different than our American counterparts. We have different tastes, different likes, we're coming from a different background.

Cozens: And we're not competing. They compete. They're both in there buying separately, we're buying together so we don't have that element of competition.

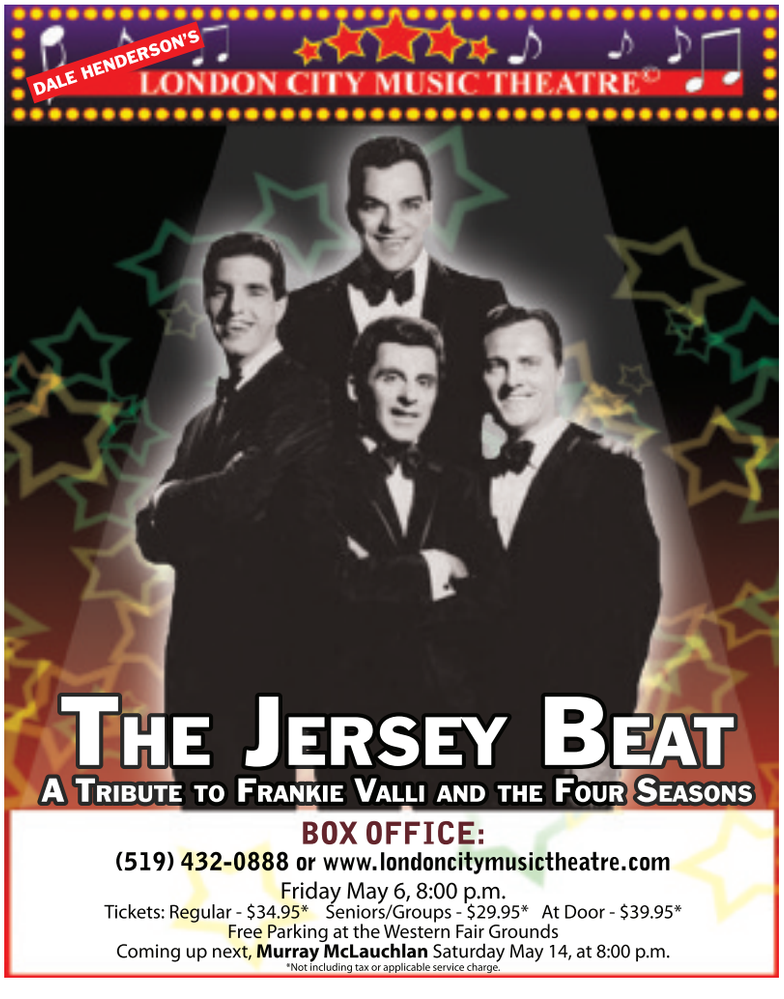
CONTRIBUTED

▶ For Canadian Pickers hosts Sheldon Smithens, left, and Scott Cozens, everything old is potentially gold.

Why are antiques hot now?

Cozens: Right now it's in a period where people are saying, "I watched the economy tank, I watched my savings tank or my investments tank. I want something tangible I can hold on to, that I can look at and I can appreciate, that may or may not go up in value but at least I'll have it at the end of the day." And people are always hoping to make a buck. They love to think that they could go to that garage sale and find that Emily Carr painting for five bucks.

Canadian Pickers debuts Tuesday on History Television. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Reality TV mine operator cited for safety violations

The first episode of a reality show filmed in a southern West Virginia coal mine had real-world results: Federal inspectors who watched the Spike TV series have cited Cobalt Coal Corp. for activities they say endangered the miners.

In the debut of Coal, a worker at the Westchester mine in McDowell County used the wrong tool — a 12-inch pick hammer — to pull down loose roof rock for a dramatic collapse that was caught on camera. The Mine Safety and Health Administration said the tool was too small for the job and put workers at risk of being struck by falling rock.

MSHA also cited Cobalt for moving the continuous mining machine when it wasn't cutting coal and allowing a worker to walk alongside, creating the potential for a crushing injury.

It's the first time MSHA has written a violation based on TV footage, spokeswoman Amy Louviere told The Associated Press.

"However, this is the first time that a documentary like this has been taped underground, to our knowledge," she said. "If violations are obvious, they will be cited."

The show debuted March 30 and was seen by six million viewers in the first week. The second episode aired Wednesday night.

The violations were written April 5, on the first anniversary of a massive explosion that killed 29 miners at Massey Energy Co.'s Upper Big Branch mine, another southern West Virginia operation.

Cobalt chief executive officer Mike Crowder said he won't judge the motives of MSHA inspectors, but the citations don't make him regret doing the show. Even mistakes, he said, can become teaching tools.

Coal companies today rely mainly on low-quality, "very boring" videos to train miners in safety, he said. If nothing else, the Spike footage can be used to create more vivid clips that can help workers identify and avoid hazards.

"Coal miners and companies and folks like myself, it's our responsibility to keep our miners safe ... We should take these situations — and mistakes, at times — and work together."
MIKE CROWDER, CEO OF COBALT COAL CORP.

The state Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training, which had obtained an advance copy of the first episode, cited Cobalt for similar violations even before the show aired.

Both the state and federal violations resulted in safety meetings with the workers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Longoria had identity crisis after divorce

Actress says split from Tony Parker was 'heartbreaking'

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Eva Longoria

Eva Longoria opened up for the first time about her divorce from Tony Parker, telling Piers Morgan about her initial reaction to the breakup.

"It was heartbreaking," Longoria says. "It was disappointing because I had such an identity in being Mrs. Parker and being a wife. And so, when that's taken away from you, you go, 'Who am I?' It was hard."

Still, Longoria refuses to trash-talk her ex-husband: "I would never speak ill about him or the time we had together," she says. "I really, really valued it. Seven years together is a long time." METRO

Liam Neeson

No Hangover for Liam Neeson

After all the hubbub last year about Liam Neeson taking over for Mel Gibson for a humorous cameo in The Hangover 2, it now looks like Neeson himself won't be in the film.

Thanks to scheduling conflicts, Neeson was unavailable to do reshoots for the film and so director Todd Phillips was forced to recast the role once again, bringing in director Nick Cassavetes, he tells Variety.

"We were in a complete time crunch, so I called up Nick and asked if he would do the part," Phillips says. "He came in and crushed it, and that is the scene that you will ultimately see in the film. It turned out great." METRO

Celebrity tweets

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"Tweeting from the stage of The Palace Theater..! I love you Columbus!! Just keeps getting better!!"

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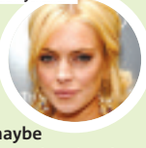
"Sorry @sohohouse i'm in bed reading scripts... maybe another time when its pleasant"

@SarahKSilverman

"Oh shivering girls in skimpy clothes, surely u can get someone to love you w/out being cold, no?"

@joelmchale

"Shot a bit for @sesamestreet yesterday. It's a dream come true to be on that show although I'm always a little hesitant about nude scenes."

Nicole Richie is not amused by pregnancy rumours

Nicole Richie

Nicole Richie wants to make one thing clear: She is not expecting another child.

"Contrary to recent speculation, I am not pregnant," Richie says, according to People magazine. "This irresponsible reporting continues to feed an atmosphere of self-doubt and insecurity. To publicly point out a change in anyone's body is mean-spirited and cruel.

"People's bodies change and change again. This is not newsworthy and is a waste of valuable media space that should be used for more important issues." METRO

Sheen wants Kunis

Charlie Sheen has his sights set on a new member for his household: Mila Kunis.

The actor ranted during a stop on his Violent Torpedo of Truth tour that he wants to add Kunis as a new "goddess," joining Natalie Kenly and adult film star Bree Olsen. "Here's the good news: My goddesses have already f—ing approved her. She's pre-approved," Sheen told the Ohio crowd.

Not surprisingly, the Black Swan star is turning down the offer, according to PopEater. "Obviously Charlie wanted to name someone who would create publicity for his tour, but the thought of it grosses Mila out," a source close to Kunis says. METRO

Witherspoon's happy family

Newlyweds Reese Witherspoon and Jim Toth were spotted arriving in Belize over the weekend, where they're believed to be celebrating their honeymoon, according to Us Weekly. They weren't alone, though, as Witherspoon's children, Ava and Deacon, tagged along.

"They definitely looked like a happy family. The kids seemed like they had no problem with him around," a source says. METRO

Aniston seeks balance

With all the scrutiny of her personal life, it's no wonder Jennifer Aniston is big on the singles game. "No, I'm not a big fan of dating," Aniston admits to Red magazine.

But as for choosing between love and career, the former Friends star says it's a "no-brainer" that love would win — not that she thinks she should have to. "You have to have a balance in life," Aniston says. METRO

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Latest studies

Behaviourial interventions may be more effective than antipsychotic drugs when treating autism, according to Vanderbilt University. The medicine helps with hyperactivity and more, but not social skills.

Another shows...

Children of soldiers scored lower on standardized tests if their parents were deployed 19 months or more, according to a from the RAND Corporation report. The younger the kid, the lower the score. METRO

Read the signs of a healthy puppy or kitten.

▶ What do you think they were discussing? The end of Inception maybe?

The talking twins

Recently, the world watched the viral video of twin baby boys having a conversation filled with 'da-das' instead of words What was happening? We asked Stephen Camarata, PhD and professor of hearing and speech sciences at Vanderbilt School of Medicine in Nashville

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In the YouTube video, it looks like the babies are having an actual conversation. But what are we witnessing?
Essentially, you are watching two toddlers using many conversational features, including intonation, turn taking, facial expression and gesture along with babbling. The babbling includes syllables and speech sounds that appear in regular words.

But they're not actual words?
At this age, few children have full knowledge of word meaning and grammatical markers, so this is not quite the same as an adult conversation.

A parallel might be for me and another person, neither of whom speaks Japanese, to have a pretend conversation in that language. We could mimic key features including bowing, Japanese intonation and could generally make the words sound like we were speaking Japanese. But there would be no specific meaning. That's the case with these twins.

Do the "da-das" stand for something?
Yes, as in the Japanese example, the da-das are fillers in the phrases they are saying. They are not random sounds, but word-like in their structure.

Does the fact that they're twins make a difference?
Yes, a twin — a "clone" in terms of DNA — is a great conversational match. They have the same genes, a lot of shared experiences, similar physical and mental maturity as well as a propensity for being interested in similar things. They are a good match for each other as a peer. The video speaks for itself in terms of the pure enjoyment they are having while speaking to each other.

"The da-das are fillers in the phrases they are saying. They are not random sounds, but word-like."
STEPHEN CAMARATA, PHD

The hand gestures — did they learn those by watching adults?
This is hard to know with certainty. I would hypothesize that these were indeed learned from watching adults. You can see in the video that they imitate each other, which leads one to believe they also imitate adults.

What should parents look for when their child starts to talk, so they know the kid is "on track?"
The video shows several key things to look for. The babble is speech-like, as if they are practicing words. They smile at each other and respond to vocalizations.

They point and look at what is being pointed to and they use gestures. They are socially engaged and show a general interest in each other and in mom — who evidently is filming. You can look at this video and say this is not at all like what we often see in toddlers with autism. Even with no specific words, it is clear that the twins are quite social in ways that children with autism are not.

Your next study should be about curing our addiction to YouTube baby videos. Are you available to help a world in need? I can't stop.
Actually, I would not be opposed to watching this kind of video often. All who watch are captivated by the happy, carefree toddlers having a grand ol' time. Worries about getting into the right preschool so I can get into the right primary and secondary so I can go to Cambridge or Oxford — that does not appear to be on the forefront of their minds! Who could watch this without it bringing a smile to their face?

French countryside cuisine with a new twist

This recipe uses the classic flavours of Ratatouille Gratin & adds cheese

Ratatouille is a classic French country dish of vegetables cooked in their own juices until tender. Taking the same classic flavours, we layered the vegetables with cheese in a gratin-like dish.

If you can't find Comte cheese, Gruyere is a good substitute.

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▶ This Gratin dish takes one hour and 15 minutes to make (30 minutes active), and makes eight servings.

Ratatouille Gratin

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).
2. In skillet over medium, heat olive oil. Add onions, garlic and bell pepper. Sauté for 10 or until tender.
3. Add basil, thyme, tomatoes, vinegar, salt and pepper. Bring to simmer and cook for 5 more minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Spread a third of the tomato mix over bottom of a deep pie pan. Using a third of each vegetable, arrange one layer each of squash, zucchini and eggplant rounds over tomato mixture, alternating vegetables and overlapping slightly. Sprinkle 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the cheese over that. Repeat layering two more times, ending with cheese.
5. Bake for 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender when pierced with a knife. Increase heat to broil and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes to lightly brown the top.

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Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 yellow onions, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and sliced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) packed fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh thyme
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) chopped tomatoes, drained
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground black pepper
- 2 small summer squash, small zucchini, Japanese eggplants, sliced into thin rounds
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) comte cheese

Apple & Cinnamon Crumble

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Ingredients:

- 4 McIntosh apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) ground cinnamon
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) butter
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) rolled oats

Vanilla Sauce

- 1 cup (250 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla extract
- 3 egg yolks

Preparation:

1. Place apples in a greased 9 inch (23 cm) square baking dish. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon; toss to combine. Scatter 2 tbsp (30 mL) butter over apples.
2. In bowl, combine brown sugar, flour and rolled oats. Add remaining butter and work mix with fingers until combined. Spoon mix over apples and bake in 375 F (190 C) oven for about 25 minutes or until the crust is golden.
3. Vanilla Sauce: In saucepan set over high heat, bring cream to boil. Remove from heat and set aside.
4. In bowl, whisk egg yolks with sugar and vanilla until eggs become foamy. While whisking, slowly add cream. Return mix to saucepan and cook over medium heat until sauce starts to thicken. Do not boil. Remove from heat and let cool before serving. Serve each portion drizzled with Vanilla Sauce.

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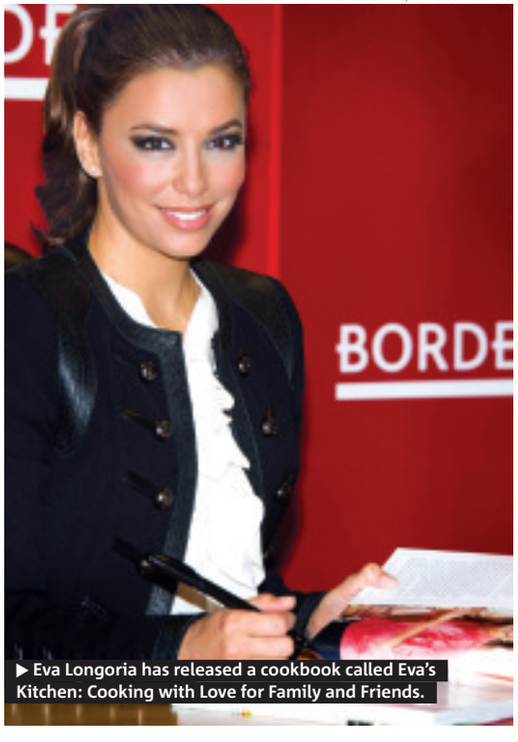

▶ Eva Longoria has released a cookbook called Eva's Kitchen: Cooking with Love for Family and Friends.

Eva takes it from Wisteria to the kitchen

Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria has released a new cookbook

Eva Longoria's character on Desperate Housewives isn't exactly domestic, but in real life the actress says she "tries to cook every day."

She's released a cookbook called Eva's Kitchen: Cooking with Love for Family and Friends. It includes family recipes and her own go-to dishes such as chicken tortilla soup.

The 36-year-old actress, who plays a former model and the youngest of the housewives on Wisteria Lane on the ABC nighttime soap opera, is a big cookbook collector and had a clear vision of the photos and stories she wanted with her own book.

Compiling the dishes into cookbook recipes, though, was at times challenging, she said.

"I cook by instinct, so if I want salt I'll put salt and if I don't, I don't. So, I felt really bad telling people to put, you know, a quarter-cup of cheese if they didn't want it. I'm like, 'Or not! You don't have to!'" she said.

"I just felt really bossy so that was really hard for me."

Longoria's advice for those who aren't kitchen naturals is to get your timing right — especially with breakfast.

"People tend to make eggs first, and eggs should be the last things you make because they're the fastest," she said. "You should make your bacon or your biscuits first because they can sit. Then make hot-stove items."

Her must-have ingredient is lemon.

"I put lemon in everything," she says with a laugh. "It's really great for sauces, for dressings, for fish, for meat. I always have fresh lemons in the house."

Longoria says she still has many other dishes and crockpot recipes that didn't make it into the cookbook and she'd like to write another one in the future. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The weight of waste... in the palm of your hand

If you feel some stats on waste are tricky to grasp, take this A metallic receipt, as heavy as all the empty boxes and wrappers your groceries arrived in It's a smart way to know the weight of supermarket packaging

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Every year, millions of tonnes of supermarket packaging goes straight to the landfill, putting a burden on our environment and adding to our carbon footprint.

But reading these massive numbers in wasteful packaging can be hard to digest.

Oliver Bourne, a 23-year-old London-based graphic designer, created a novel way to physically show, and feel, the amount of plastic wrappers and paper coverings wasted from a single trip to the supermarket.

It's a receipt as heavy as all that packaging waste put together.

Bourne reconfigured the shopping receipt to show the weight of each piece of packaging instead of its price.

He formed it into a lead block weighing 2,840 grams (about six pounds), the total weight of the packaging.

Metro spoke to Bourne about his fresh take on raising eco-awareness in our everyday spending.

When and how did you create this shopping receipt made from lead?

I made it when I was studying graphic design.

I crafted the item from a piece of scrap lead and cut it so it would weigh approximately three kilograms.

In the workshop I made a cast of a receipt out of metal.

The lead was then melted into the cast.

To obtain the exact weight I had to trim material.

The text was screen printed on to the metal receipt.

What was your main inspiration behind it?

What first inspired me was one day I realized my green bin for recycling waste filled up very quickly and it was mostly from packaging from food products. Also, as a former employee at a supermarket, I knew how packaging was simply thrown away.

So, when it came to creating this lead receipt, I just wanted to highlight this problem by designing something that would be thought-provoking.

What has been the reaction amongst people you know to this 'lead receipt'?

Friends and colleagues of mine were fascinated but at the same time very surprised, even shocked, at how heavy a week's waste of packaging can be.

Do you think supermarkets are making a conscious effort to reduce packaging?

I feel that supermarkets have not been doing enough to reduce packaging, but luckily city councils around the U.K. have been imposing new rules to tackle our waste.

This will hopefully affect the supermarkets and help reduce their waste.

Do you think people should choose markets and local grocery shops over 'convenient' supermarkets?

Honestly, I think supermarkets can hurt our small grocery shops, especially since large one-stop outlets can use their influence to lease or buy real estate as they see fit.

"People I know were shocked at how heavy a week's waste of packaging can be."
OLIVER BOURNE, GRAPHIC DESIGNER

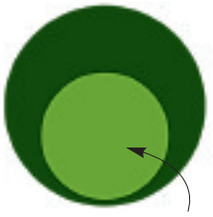
Weighty waste

Numbers on how packaging goes to the dump.

2.9m tonnes of food packaging was thrown away in the U.K. between 2006 and 2009.

34.2m tonnes of food packaging went straight to the landfill in the European Union in 2007.

71m tonnes of packaging waste was generated in 2009 in the United States.



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OF SUPERMARKET FOOD PACKAGING "STILL CANNOT BE EASILY RECYCLED."

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Cheating: The system

Book tells history of plagiarism

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In nearly every campus bookstore, a few shelves are now devoted to the perceived epidemic of plagiarism.

There seems to be a common belief among faculty and students alike that the problem has reached epic proportions — and must be stopped at all costs.

But University of Regina librarian Cara Bradley wants to bring some discipline and common sense to the discussion. In her latest book, Plagiarism Education and Prevention, Bradley contends that the problem is relatively at the same level it was in the '60s, and that the issue is often oversimplified.

"My experience was that, at the beginning of the semester you got a syllabus and — among the many other things on there — it would say, 'Don't Plagiarize!'" she says. "But there really wasn't much discussion of what they meant by that or an acknowledgment that academic integrity poses different problems in different fields of study."

Over 16 chapters, the book takes a subject-specific approach to cribbing, looking at eye-grabbing events in different fields. Joe Biden's 1987 plagiarized speech is covered in detail, as well as Microsoft vs. Twitter and the controversy over the 1982 song Down Under by Australian band Men at Work.

"People tend to think that academic integrity is a cut-and-dry issue," says Bradley.

"Yeah, if you buy a paper off the Internet, that's a problem, no matter what field you're in. But it is usually more complex, and it can be a tricky call depending the subject area. I think we're denying students the opportunity to think through the issues by not admitting that."

Turning Point

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THIS WESTERN GRAD HAS GOT THE SOLAR POWER

At the age of six, Sami Kholreibi was selling lemonade by the glass and peddling gently used books to his neighbours. When he was eight, he helped design an automated feather duster.

Kholreibi was always an aspiring entrepreneur but it was when he got to London, Ont. that he really began to soar. Within six months of graduating from the University of Western Ontario, Kholreibi and three partners started Camdex Energy, an oil and gas company based in Toronto.

"I spent a lot of time travelling, especially in the Middle East," he says. He learned about the Masdar Initiative and its goal to make Abu Dhabi an epicenter in renewable energies.

"I had an entrepreneurial eureka moment."

Enviromena Power Systems was formed in 2007 and is now on its way to becoming the largest solar energy company in the Middle East and North Africa. Sami is once again soaring but admits any business venture can be a roller-coaster ride of ups and downs.

"You can't let them impact you or the positive attitude required to be a successful entrepreneur."

Sami's advice:

- Dive into the deep end.
- Take advice from those you trust.
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Sami Kholreibi has had a mind for business from a young age.

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4 sports

Blackhawks squeak into playoffs

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▶ Blackhawks, from left, Patrick Sharp, Marty Turco and Jonathan Toews after losing to Detroit yesterday.

Let the chase for the Stanley Cup begin.

The NHL's final playoff matchups weren't set until the 1,230th — and final — game of the regular season last night.

A 5-3 victory by Minnesota over Dallas put an end to the playoff hopes of the Stars, who fell two points short of Chicago in the Western Conference. The Blackhawks will have the chance to win their second straight Stanley Cup.

Once again, Chicago will meet up with the Vancouver Canucks.

They dispatched Vancouver from the playoffs the last two years but will find be an underdog this time.

Nothing short of the Stanley Cup will do for the Canucks, who captured the franchise's first Presidents' Trophy.

Chicago would have become the first team since the 2006-07 Carolina Hurricanes to win the Cup and then miss the playoffs the following season.

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Sports in brief

1 Jered Weaver struck out a career-high 15 as the L.A. Angels beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-1.

2 The Florida Panthers fired head coach Peter DeBoer yesterday.

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Schwartzel surges to glory at Augusta

Eight players held at least a share of the lead on final day of Masters

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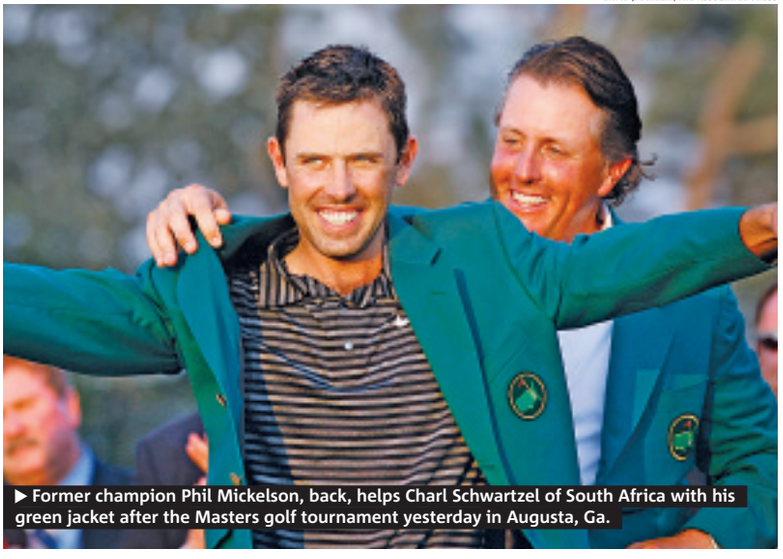

▶ Former champion Phil Mickelson, back, helps Charl Schwartzel of South Africa with his green jacket after the Masters golf tournament yesterday in Augusta, Ga.

Charl Schwartzel won the Masters by two strokes over Adam Scott and Jason Day after a wild final day at Augusta National.

The 26-year-old South African turned in one of the great finishing performances in major championship history.

Schwartzel closed with four straight birdies, including a 20-footer at the final hole, to wrap up a 6-under 66. He finished 14-under 274, enough to deny Australia its first green jacket.

Scott shot a 67 and Day finished with two straight birdies for a 68, leaving both Aussies at 276.

"It was just such an exciting day," Schwartzel said. "There were so many roars and the atmosphere out there was just incredible."

Tiger Woods made four birdies and an eagle before he headed to the back side with a 5-under 31.

But he missed short putts at both the 12th and 15th holes, limping to the finish with a 36. That left Woods at 278.

No one suffered like Rory McIlroy, who entered the day with a four-stroke lead. He took a triple-bogey on the 10th-hole and never recovered.

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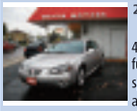

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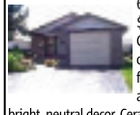

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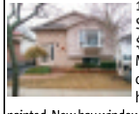

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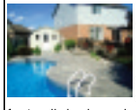

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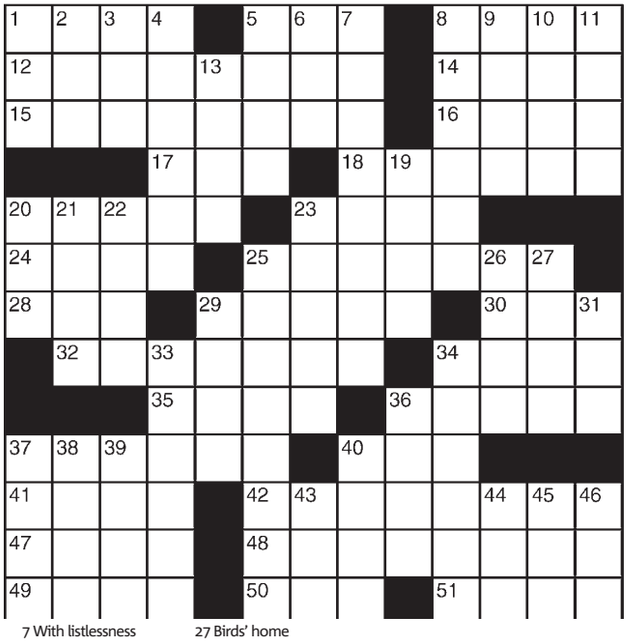

Across

1 Slightly open
5 On in years
8 Venomous vipers
12 Piranha, for one
14 Road Runner's noise
15 French menu phrase
16 Exposed
17 "— Gratia Artis" (motto of MGM)
18 Very, very tiny
20 — -Saxon
23 Superdry, as champagne
24 Swimming venue
25 Bush successor ... and vice versa
28 Mess up
29 Football coaching legend Don
30 — Moines
32 Whodunit
34 Lion's share
35 Piano array
36 Two score
37 Dig up
40 Help
41 Press
42 Freeway sign
47 File's partner
48 Inventor of basketball
49 Potato buds
50 Hosp. sections
51 Location

Down

1 Pump up the volume
2 Pickle container
3 Blackbird
4 Drugstore chain begun in 1902
5 Elevator name
6 Superman foe Luthor
7 With listlessness
8 Costello's partner
9 Fashion line?
10 "Frasier" actress Gilpin
11 Detail, for short
13 Frizzy hairstyle
19 Albacore, e.g.
20 Gorilla
21 Standard
22 Not for the faint of heart
23 Unclear images
25 Capital of Wyoming
26 33-Down's protection
27 Birds' home
29 Goblet part
31 Pigpen
33 Black-and-white kin of weasels
34 PC peripherals
36 Isn't too tight or too loose
37 Ireland
38 Inside picture?
39 Sharpen
40 Line of symmetry
43 Listener
44 Twelve
45 Addams cousin
046 Definite article

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

	8		2		9		5	
		6	1		5	3		
7								1
		4		9		2		
8								5
		1		4		6		
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	2		7		4		8	

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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Erin, I luff you infinity. Enough Said.
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Today's horoscope

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♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 Watch your back as the week begins, don't let rivals creep up on you.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 Unless it really is a sure thing give what others are proposing a miss, for now.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Put your heart and soul into what you are doing. Make sure you are the very best. Be brilliant.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 A work colleague seems to have it in for you and you don't have the faintest idea why.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug.23 If you get the chance to go somewhere different today you must take it.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Listen to what your conscience tells you, then act on it. Your heart knows the way to go.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Give partners and loved ones room to be themselves.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 No matter how irritating certain people may be you must not let them get under your skin.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Fate is sending good things your way, so make the most of them.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Live in the moment and make each moment special.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Make sure you don't shout at the wrong person today.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. You may be generous by nature but that does not mean you have to give it all away.

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